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KHS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS ARE OFF TO A GREAT START

KHS Welcomes Ms. Kaplan to Keota



BY AVERY CONRAD

This year Ms. Kaitlyn Kaplan is a new face at KHS. Ms. Kaplan teaches the upper level math classes, such as Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus. Ms. Kaplan has been teaching for one full year and was previously a long-term substitute teacher for Mid-Prairie High School.

Ms. Kaplan became a teacher because she really likes to work with the students and she enjoys watching them grow educationally. One of her biggest goals for this school year is really getting to know all the students at KHS. She plans to get to know the community by participating and going to lots of after school activities. She says that the hardest part about her job this year will be teaching Calculus, because it is a very advanced class.

Ms. Kaplan is originally from Victor, Iowa, and she went to high school at HLV. She later went to college at the University of Northern Iowa. If she had the choice to be anything she wanted, she said she would still be a teacher, because teaching is something that she has always dreamed of doing.

In her free time, Ms. Kaplan enjoys going camping, shopping, and staying at home. She has two siblings, who are both older than she is. When asked what she would do with a million dollars, she said that she would give it all to her mom so she could quit her job and live the rest of her life comfortably. Ms. Kaplan enjoys country music and her favorite radio station is 98.1. An interesting fact about her is that she has a crooked finger from a bad bone break that she had a long time ago.

Ms. Kaplan's favorite thing about KHS so far is the small school atmosphere. Her classroom can be found in between Mr. Snakenberg's and Ms. Bries' room. Ms. Kaplan says she's proud to be here and is eager to take on the rest of this year.

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for the evenings of Nov. 5 and Nov. 6 to come see the KHS Fall Play. Both performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Keota High School Auditorium. Stay tuned to *The Eagle's Wing* for more information regarding this year's fall play.



Pictured above is the 2015 JV/Varsity Volleyball team. From left to right they are: (Back) Coach Molly Sprouse, Brianna Duwa, Olivia Sieren, Kaylin Swanson, Addison Sprouse, Raigan Sprouse, Mallory Woltering, Erin Chalupa, and Coach Brandi Cave. (Front) Grace Shemanski, Bekah Fagen, Abby Schulte, Alyssa White, Megan Hill, and Cortney Hyman.



Pictured at left is the 2015 Fresh/Soph Volleyball team. From left to right they are: (Back) Coach Molly Sprouse, Kylie Beinhart, Lexi Black, Brianna Duwa, and Coach Brandi Cave. (Middle) Wynonna Morris, Grace McHugh, and Jillian Schulte. (Front) Bergen Dalton, Frankie Johnson, and Jolee Walker.

Meet Keota's New Ag Teacher



BY JACE UPHOLD

The beginning of this school year brought a new Ag teacher to KHS. Mrs. Alyssa Amelon teaches many Ag based classes at KHS and is the FFA Advisor for the Keota FFA Chapter. Mrs. Amelon is in her third year of teaching, with two years at North Mahaska and starting her new year at KHS.

Mrs. Amelon graduated from Mid-Prairie High School and went to Iowa State University. She has an inquiry-based teaching style for her many classes, where students learn to investigate and ask questions while learning. Her favorite part of KHS is the hometown feeling. She likes that we are a small town and everybody knows everybody and she believes she can make a difference in our community. Mrs. Amelon's goals for the year are to provide a positive learning experience for all of her students that take her classes. She teaches a majority of the kids that are in the high school. Mrs. Amelon plans to get to know the community by being active in anything they do.

If she could choose any career other than teaching, she says she would want to be a hog farmer. In one phrase, Mrs. Amelon describes herself as "involved in everything she does." She has one younger brother and one younger sister and lives by the motto "make good choices." She says, "The choices you make today will impact your life forever." If she was given a million dollars, she says she would save most of it and donate a little as well.

Mrs. Amelon looks forward to the year ahead and hopes to make a positive difference in the lives of the students at KHS.

GETTING TO KNOW MS. RACHAEL BRIES



BY KYLEA TINNES

In the school year 2015-2016, we get to welcome Ms. Rachael Bries. She is teaching Junior High Language Arts, Junior High Reading, English 10, American Literature, and Advanced Comp.

She currently lives in Kalona, Iowa, but she is originally from Monona, Iowa. She went to high school at MFC MarMac. Following her high school career, she went to college at Upper Iowa University. She chose to become a teacher because her parents wanted her to go into Engineering, but she didn't think that sounded fun at all. Since graduating from Upper Iowa University, she has taught at Wyalusing Academy in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; Edward Stone Middle School in Burlington, Iowa; and Cascade Jr./Sr. High School in Cascade, Iowa.

She chose to come to Keota because she enjoys small school atmospheres. The hardest part of her job is keeping

up with the amount of classes she has and the variety. I asked Ms. Bries what her goals are for this year and she said with a smile, "To make it through the school year...successfully." She is going to enjoy getting to know the students at KHS this school year. She hopes the students will see her as someone they can count on and not intimidating.

When she isn't teaching, her hobbies include reading, binge watching Netflix and Hulu, and quilting. "That's my grandma's side coming out" she says. She also enjoys being outdoors, but not necessarily hunting or fishing. If she could choose any career in the world, she says she would probably still be a teacher because "every year is different; teaching

is never the same." She has two mottos: "Never be afraid of change" and "never be afraid of failure." Her most embarrassing moment was in the eighth grade during chorus, when she went to jump off the back set of risers and ripped her pants. This embarrassment made her shy throughout high school.

Some interesting facts that you may not know about Ms. Bries is that she worked in a detention center, she grew up on a farm with hogs, cows, many farm cats, and dogs, and she was also a cave tour guide for two years. Also, she had the same job for eight years working as a waitress and making delicious pizzas.

KHS is lucky this year to have the privilege of getting to know Ms. Bries.

Señora Linder Comes to Keota



BY COLE STOUT

Mrs. Linder is the new Spanish I and Spanish II teacher at Keota High School. She comes to our school with a lot of experience, as she has been teaching for 37 years. She graduated from Sigourney High School and attended college at the University of Northern Iowa and Morningside. She now resides in between Harper and Sigourney with her husband John (a.k.a. Fur). She has two children and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Linder most recently taught at Sigourney High School before retiring. Luckily, she decided to come out of retirement to teach the students of Keota on a part-time basis. Mrs. Linder says what she really likes about Keota so far is that everyone is so friendly and available to help.

Mrs. Linder's hobbies consist of reading, swimming, puzzles such as crossword and Sudoku, and bidding for guns online for her husband. She hopes her students see her as a fun, but a "nonsense" teacher. She says the hardest part of her job is learning the new systems and keeping up with technology.

If she was cast on the show, "Survivor," the two things Mrs. Linder wouldn't leave home without are a fire starter and a high quality Marlin gun. If she had a million dollars she says she would buy the rest of the collectible Marlin guns and buy things for her kids. One interesting fact about her that students would not believe is that she used to weigh 275 pounds. If she had to describe herself using only one word, Mrs. Linder said it would have to be "awesome."

If she had it to do all over again, Mrs. Linder says she would still be a Spanish teacher. She says she has always wanted to be a teacher and can't remember ever wanting to be anything else. Her goals at KHS this year are to help students know about and appreciate other cultures, and of course, for them to learn to speak Spanish. Her motto is "learning is fun."

We are glad to have Mrs. Linder here at Keota High School this year.

Mr. Nederhoff Gets Down to Business



BY ELISE SWANSTROM

Keota High School welcomed many new teachers this school year. One of the new amazing teachers is Mr. Jeff Nederhoff. Mr. Nederhoff is the Business teacher for 7th-12th grades. He teaches Economics, Personal Finance, Business Computer Apps, Intro to Accounting, and Keyboarding. Even though he is a new teacher for Keota, he has been teaching for 26 years, so he knows all the tricks. Because of this, he prefers a friendly atmosphere in the classroom. He believes the students perform better with more hands on lessons, rather than lecturing.

Being new to the Keota District, Mr. Nederhoff notices that the Keota student body is a very respectful young bunch of people. His goal for himself this year is "just to settle." What he expects from his students is for them

to give their best effort. It isn't hard to see that Mr. Nederhoff would be a very motivating teacher, so giving your best effort would not be a problem. He takes education very seriously.

Maybe he got this love for education from his own high school teacher, the very same teacher that inspired him to become an educator. After high school, he received his teaching degree from Wartburg College. Even though he went to Wartburg, he is a proud Hawkeye fan. He goes to all the Hawkeye football games, including the away games, no matter how far. He is currently on a 46 game streak!

Mr. Nederhoff is no stranger to long distance travel, having to commute all the way from Des Moines each day. He says he would not have it any other way though, when asked if he would choose another career if given the chance. Perhaps his secret is in his motto: "One day at a time." In one word he would describe himself as "easy-going." If he had one word of advice for his teenage self he would say "be more involved." One interesting fact his students may not know about him is that he has a newly adopted greyhound dog named Herky.

It's easy to see that Keota is very lucky for its new addition. We look forward to getting to know Mr. Nederhoff this year.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY MEGAN HILL
IF YOU COULD CHANGE YOUR NAME, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE AND WHY?

MR. SNAKENBERG
TEACHER



"MAX POWERS BECAUSE I TAKE POWER TO THE MAX!"

ALYSSA WHITE
12TH



"SWAGGY P 'CAUSE I'M SWAGGY"

COLE STOUT
11TH



"CLETUS BROWN BECAUSE IT'S COOL"

JACOB MOELLER
10TH



"CAITLYN 'CAUSE BRUCE DID IT"

PRESTON MCDONALD
9TH



"TREY BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW"

SAM MENKE
8TH



"HUNTER BECAUSE I LOVE TO HUNT"

CARSON SPROUSE
7TH



"FRANK, IT SOUNDS PROFESSIONAL"